

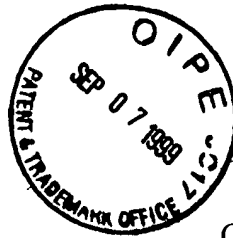
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
Jeffrey A. Heroux, et al

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 4, 1999 in the above-identified
application, kindly amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

- ✓ Claim 1, line 5, delete "NTP" and insert therefor --nucleotide triphosphate;
- ✓ line 6, delete "NTP" and insert --second nucleotide triphosphate--
- ✓ Claim 2, line 5, delete "NTP" and insert therefor -- nucleotide triphosphate;
- ✓ line 6, delete "NTP" and insert --second nucleotide triphosphate--

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